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UTILITY PATENT  
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER



Box **PATENT APPLICATION**  
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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of Steven F. SPIERS and Martin T. GARTHAFFNER for APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FILLING CAVITIES WITH METERED AMOUNTS OF GRANULAR PARTICLES.

☐ Applicant(s) hereby request(s) that the above-captioned application **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

☒ Applicant(s) suggest(s) Figure 2 for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.

Also enclosed are:

☒ Two sheets of ☐ formal ☒ informal drawing (Figs. 1-2);

☐ a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is ☐ hereby made to \_ filed in \_ on \_;

☐ in the declaration;

☐ a certified copy of the priority document;

☐ a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees;

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☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

☒ An ☐ executed ☒ unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s)

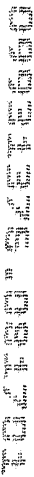
☒ also is enclosed ☐ will follow.

☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 to \_ filed in \_ on \_; the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--

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--This application is a continuation of International Application No. \_ filed on \_, which International Application ☐ was ☐ was not published by the International Bureau in English on \_--.

☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.



☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows [ ] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$710.00 (101)
Total Claims	22	MINUS 20 =	2	× \$18.00 (103) =	36.00
Independent Claims	4	MINUS 3 =	1	× \$80.00 (102) =	80.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$270.00 (104)					
Total Application Fee					\$826.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					
Add Assignment Recording Fee \$40.00 (581) if Assignment document is enclosed					
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- ☒ This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.
- [ ] A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the fee due.

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